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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

OREGON PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, an agency of the STATE OF OREGON,

Plaintiff,

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UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, an agency of the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

JOHN DOE 1, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors,

Case No.: 3:12-cv-02023-HA

DECLARATION OF JOHN DOE 1 IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS-INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ٧.

UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, an agency of the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant in Intervention.

- I, John Doe 1,1 hereby declare and state as follows:
- I submit this declaration based on my personal knowledge in support of Plaintiffs-Intervenors' Motion for Summary Judgment, in the above-captioned case.
- 2. I am one of the Plaintiffs-Intervenors in this action.
- 3. I am a retired CEO and a resident of Oregon.
- 4. I currently take two medications that are classified in schedule II under the federal Controlled Substances Act.
- 5. Until February 2013, I also took two medications that are classified in schedule IV under the federal Controlled Substances Act.
- Go These medications are and were prescribed by doctors in Oregon and I fill my prescriptions at pharmacies in Oregon. As a result, I believe that records of these prescriptions are recorded by the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP").

¹ This is not my real name. I am proceeding under a pseudonym in order to protect my constitutional right to privacy. The use of the name "John Doe" and gender pronouns is not intended to signify that I am either male or female.

- 7. I suffer from frequent kidney stones, which are extraordinarily painful when they occur.

 Although I have a high pain threshold, I would not be able to tolerate the pain of kidney stones without medication.
- **%.** In order to control the pain associated with kidney stones, my physician prescribes me two painkillers, oxycodone and hydrocodone.
- 9. Both oxycodone and hydrocodone are classified in schedule II under the Controlled Substances Act,
- When I feel a stone developing, I need to be able to take oxycodone or hydrocodone immediately to prevent debilitating pain. Therefore, I must always have a supply of these medications on hand.
- I also travel internationally frequently, sometimes to areas with limited health care services. When I travel it is important that I carry supplies of oxycodone and hydrocodone with me so that I can deal with a kidney stone episode.
- 12. If I do not take oxycodone or hydrocodone to treat a kidney stone episode, I will end up in the emergency room where I will require intravenous painkillers.
- 13. The frequency with which I need to fill new prescriptions for oxycodone and hydrocodone depends on the severity and frequency of kidney stones.
- 14. I also suffer from a type of restless leg syndrome that prevents me from getting adequate sleep at night. As the night progresses my restless legs get worse and, unless I take medication to help me sleep, my condition prevents me from sleeping through the night.

- 19. If I do not take medication to help me sleep, I might wake up at 1:00 AM and not be able to sleep again until 8:00 AM. Or I might not be able to fall asleep at all until three or four o'clock in the morning.
- When I am unable to get adequate sleep during the night, my ability to function during the daytime is seriously impaired.
- 7. To treat my restless leg syndrome, my neurologist prescribed two medications, Ambien and Sonata.
- Ambien is a trade name for the drug zolpidem. It is classified in schedule IV under the Controlled Substances Act.
- Sonata is a trade name for the drug zaleplon. It is classified in schedule IV under the Controlled Substances Act.
- 20 Until February 2013, I usually took Ambien at the start of the night in order to be able to fall asleep. Most nights, I wake up during the night to use the restroom. Until February 2013, I would take Sonata to help me fall back asleep.
- 21. I took Ambien and Sonata for approximately ten years, until I began to experience negative side effects. Due to those side effects, and based on the medical advice of my doctor, in February 2013 I switched to a different medication that is not classified in schedules II--IV.
- **72.** Ambien and Sonata are dispensed in 30-day supplies. Therefore, while taking them I refilled my prescriptions at my pharmacy approximately every 30 days.
- 23. I believe that information about my past prescriptions for Ambien and Sonata remains in the PDMP.

- 24. Information about my drug prescriptions and my medical conditions is private, and should remain between me and my health care providers. I believe strongly that the government should not be able to snoop around in my confidential medical records without good reason.
- 2.5. I have followed the debate over the creation and implementation of the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. I am generally skeptical of government databases that contain confidential information of private individuals, particularly sensitive information like medical records. In my experience, the government is not adept at maintaining good security for its records and information is sometimes released or put to uses for which it was not intended.
- When the PDMP was created, I took some solace from the fact that law enforcement would not be able to obtain prescription records from it without a court order based on probable cause. The possibility that the DEA might be able to obtain my prescription records easily, without a warrant, is upsetting to me. It would be an intrusion on my privacy for a law enforcement agent to have easy access to my medical information.
- 27. If the DEA is allowed to obtain prescription records from the PDMP without a warrant, it would give me pause next time I visited the doctor to discuss my treatment. I rely on my physicians to decide what the best medications are to treat my medical conditions, but I would inform my doctors of the DEA's easier access to the PDMP records and would ask their advice. At a minimum, my behavior would change each time I refilled my prescriptions and I would seriously consider whether I had other treatment options.
- 28. If I had a way to obtain prescriptions without the DEA being able to easily obtain them from the PDMP without a warrant, I would do so. However, given the urgency attached

to my access to adequate supplies of oxycodone or hydrocodone, it would be impractical and expensive for me to travel to a jurisdiction that does not have a prescription drug monitoring program.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare and state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATED this /8 Hay of June, 2013.

John Doe 12

² As noted above, this is a pseudonym.